# An Essay on Woman and her Diseases

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"In sorrow shalt thou bring forth all the days of thy life" was the curse pronounced by the Creator on the first Woman on account of disobedience, and it seems as if the penalty had followed the sex in every condition of Life from that time to the present — —

There is however more exemption to diseases of the genitals to be found among the middle classes or those who are the most active — than among the very rich or very poor. The reasons for this are very obvious, the rich by their idleness prevent the full development of the parts and the poor by their uncleanliness produce many diseases —

When we contemplate the large catalouge of the Principal diseases incident

to Females (and the number is Legion) the mind even of the Physician is filled with sorrow that the Mothers of our race should be so much afflicted. That many of the afflictions women suffer, are the results of their own imprudence, no one will deny, when he looks around and sees so many violations of the laws of nature, and how very few appear to understand or observe the Laws of Health.

The very able Professor of Obstetrics in his lecture remarked the other day, that women by too early a marriage ~~was~~ were degenerating the race, would it not also be well, to add? that by excessive indulgence after they ~~where~~ were married, they entailed many evils upon their progeny. Alas! when will civilized men and women learn that the Almighty

created the reproductive organs, not for Licentiousness and Sensuality but for the perpetuity of the human species —
I shall now give a list of the principal diseases of women and then by adding a few cases of that dreadful scourge Puerperal fever endeavour to show which system is the most adapted to cure their diseases

Churchill in his diseases of women makes the following classification viz —

Diseases of the external ~~Genitals~~ Genitals

Phlegmonous Inflammation of the external labia Pudendi —
Encysted tumours of the Labia
Oozing tumour of the Labium
Warty tumours of the Vulva
Pruritus of the Vulva
Inflammation of the Mucus membrane of the Vulva

Clitoris
Enlargement of the Cliotis
Tumours at the Orifice of the Urethra
Encephaloid or Carcinomatous Tumours

Diseases of the Internal Genitals, Genital

Vaginal Leucorrhea
Inflammation of the glandular apparatus of the Cervix Uteri.
Granular inflammation of the Cervix Uteri
Thickening of the Cellular Membrane surrounding the Urethra.
Prolapse of the Vagina
Abscess between Vagina and Rectum
Tumours in the pelvis external to the Vagina

Functional Disorders, Uterus

Amenorrhea
Vicarious Menstruation
Dysmenorrhea
Menorrhagia.

Cessation of Menstruation
Constitutional effects of the disorders of
Menstruation
Chlorosis
Irritable Uterus.

Organic Diseases-
Uterine Leucorrhea
Physometra
Hydrometra
Moles, Hydatids &
Inflammations &c-
Inflammations of the unimpregnated Uterus
Ulceration of the neck of the womb.

Lesions of nutrition-
Fibrous Tumours of the Uterus
Polypus of the Uterus.

Malignant Diseases
Cauliflower excrescence of the cervix Uteri

Covroding. Ulcer of the Uterus
Scirrhus and cancer of the Uterus

Displacements,

Anteversion
Retroflexion and Retroversion
Prolapse
Inversion

Diseases of the Fallopian Tubes

Inflamation and its consequences

Diseases of the Ovaries

Ovaritis
Encysted dropsy of the Ovary
Tumours, not malignant
Malignant Disease
Displacements of the Ovary

Diseases incident to Pregnancy

Pruritus of the Vulva
Oedema of the Labia

Vaginal Leucorrhea
Menstruation during Pregnancy
Discharge of watery Fluid from the Vagina
Dropsy of the Amnion
Rheumatism and Spasm of the Uterus
Hysteritis.

Disorders from Sympathetic irritation
Toothache
Salivation
Fastidious taste and capricious Apetite
Nausea and vomiting
Cardialgia and Pyrosis
Cramp of the Stomach and Duodenum
Hematemesis
Constipation
Diarrhea
Jaundice.

Disorders of the Circulating System

Palpitation of the heart
Fainting -

Disorders of the respiratory system

Dyspnea
Cough
Hemoptysis -

Disorders of the Nervous system and Senses

Sleeplessness
Hypochondriasis
Headache
Convultions
Nervous affections of the Eyes -

Disorders of the Mammae

Mastodynia.

Disorders arising from mechanical pressure or distention

Hernia -
Piles

Spasm of Uterous
Incontinence of Urine
Dysuria or retention of Urine
Cramps and irregular pains
Varicose Veins
Oedema, & Anasarca
Ascites Hydrothorax

Diseases incident to Childbed

Sanguineous Tumour of the Labia
Inflamation and sloughing of the Vagina
Puerperal Fever
Rupture of the Uterous and Vagina
Vesico Vaginal and Recto Vaginal Fistula
Laceration of Perineum
Phlegmasia Dolens
Puerperal Mania
Ephemeral Fever or Weid
Miliary Fever

Sore Nipples.
Inflamation and Abscess of the Breast

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Here we have an immense variety of the diseases peculiar to women. To mention their Symtoms and appropriate remedies is not the design of this Thesis, but as I before mentioned I shall give a few cases of one of the most fatal diseases that Lying-in woman are subject to. Prevailing frequently as an epidemic and carrying off large numbers and resisting all the remedies applied for its cure on its first appearance (as an what?)
The first undoubted epidemic of Puerperal fever on record is that which prevailed in Paris during the winter of Seventeen Hundred and forty six, it was extremely fatal.

attacking the poor and proving much more
fatal to those in hospitals than to those who
where delivered at their own houses," Of
twenty women confined in February of that
year in the (Hotel Dieu) Scarcely one recove=
red, they died between the fifth and
seventeenth day after their confinement
on an examination, by Post Mortem, infla
mation of the Stomach, Intestines and Uterus
were observed with suppuration of the Ovaries
Dr Farr of London, States that, in the
epidemic in that City in 1825 one Surgeon
informed him he had lost seven, another
four, and in all of which, the disease was
treated with active Blood Letting at the
instant of its formation,
A Physician Accoucheur, who attended in
consultation many of these, Stated to him

that out of Thirteen cases eleven died, and that only two recovered and they were not bled but treated with Turpentine –
Dr William Hunter also informs his pupils that out of Thirty two patients who were attacked with the disease during two months only one recovered, we tried various methods, he says, "one woman we took from the beginning and bled her, and she died, in another we gave cooling medicines and she died, in a third we gave confect. Aromat. and other Cordials and Stimulants and she died also
Professor Young also describes the disease as it appeared in the Lying in Hospital in Edinburg = it began he says about the end of February, when almost every woman as soon as she was confined or

perhaps about twenty four hours after, was seized with it, and all of them died, though every method was used to cure the disorder. this disease did not exist in the Town.

These are a few cases as reported by Allopathic Physicians, it will be seen that nearly all of them were fatal This way it is true in the early stages of the Epidemic and it has since become more manageable but notwithstanding that Allopathy boast of having at length conquered the disease more than fifty per cent of their patients die with it yet, when it prevails extensively.

How very different are the results when treated Homeopathically, as will be seen by the following cases

A Lady that had only been confined
Fifty six hours, undertook to dust off
the chairs and bedstead of her own room
that had been neglected by the servant
a short time afterwards was taken with
a chill and intense fever, the Doctor was
sent for immediately, on arriving he
found the patient in a delirium the
Abdomen enormously swelled and so
excessively painful she could not bear
even the weight of her own clothing,
on putting his hand on the abdomen she
screamed out with the pain, the Lochia
~~was~~ were entirely suppressed as was also, the
milk
Dr Helmuth was sent for, on consultation
Acanite was given and afterwards, Bel-
ladonna, in twenty four hours afterwards

She ~~was~~ entirely recovered
I am indebted for this case to Professor
Sims of our College
Dr Jean's States the following case
"A woman aged Thirty Six years was
suddenly attacked on the sixth day after
Parturition in the following manner, a
severe chill through the back and ext-
remities, with great heat and redness of
the face, the abdomen was somewhat
tumid, and excessively painful on the
slightest touch, pains resembling labour
pains, every quarter or half hour, with
pressing down towards the vulva and
anus, and every time a discharge of fetid
black blood in lumps, fever wich grad-
ually increased in violence, but was att
ented by coldness of some parts, particularly

of the extremities, burning heat and redness of others especially of the head, and partial sweat of the warmly covered parts, violent pain in the forehead distressing sensation of dryness in the mouth only moderate thirst, swallowing rendered somewhat difficult by stricture of the oesophagus, frequent discharge of small quantities of straw yellow urine, cough which excited the severest pain in the abdomen, Delirium of the wildest kind sleeplessness, anxiety tossing about the pupils were widely dilated

He administered Belladona 24 and in half an hour afterwards the patient fell into a soft sweet sleep, out of wich she awakened at the end of two hours much improved and in the course of sixteen

or eighteen hours she was well,"
This case is also related by the same
author, "Disease commenced on the third
day after parturition = presenting the foll-
owing Symtoms, Severe burning heat and
pain in the whole abdomen increased by
motion or touch, even by the weight of the
light bed cloths, the abdomen very hot
fregnenly a burning cutting in the umb-
ilical region, which compelled bending
of the body, and generally accompanied
by eructation Nausea and vomiting no
Stool for three days, Suppresion of the
lochia, urine small in quantity, Skin
dry like parchment and burning hot
thirst moderate, pulse full and hard-
face red tongue of a dirty yellow coat-
ing towards its root, mamae painfully

distended, Constant restlessness —
"very shortly after the administration of nux vomica 30, and an enema of luke-warm milk, the patient fell into a refreshing sleep, wich lasted for two hours, and out of wich she awoke almost well — the injection had remained with her during the whole time — and soon after waking she had a normal stool — in two days she was entirely well"

There might be more cases recorded but these must suffice, proveing as they do, sufficiently, the infinite superiority of Similia, Similibus, Curantur, over Allopathy
Allopathy
allopathy
in these diseases of women —
The cause of Puerperal Fever I believe has never been discovered. The only one

that has any weight with me as a Theory I will state in as few words as possible — I have read somewhere that the first cases of Asiatic Cholera as an Epidemic occured among some Sailors obliged to sleep in the hold of a filthy Ship lying in port in one of the large Cities of India They were removed on Shore for the sake of greater attention — the disease spread through the City and then through the whole land, spreading Death and dismay on every side, from that land it has filled the world with its victims — Here the disease was certainly the result of a volatile poison produced from its contact with animal matter, originating in filth —
This Poison has been developing and

attenuating itself on Homeopathical principles. until the whole atmosphere surrounding the Globe has become filled with some portion of its atoms, waiting for only, some inducing cause to develop its symtoms

Chemistry teaches us that what is once produced however subtle its parts, cannot be destroyed but forever exists=

May it not be so with Puerperal fever the first epidemic, as I have mentioned, commenced among the filthy and unclean, The great mortality of the disease certainly requires the greatest research on the part of the Physician to discover the cause, that he may be enabled to find an antidote or remedy=

Women have been accused of being easily

duped and not being able to reason from analogy, to account for her decided preference for Homeopathy, but is her preferance to be wondered at when we see how much it has done for her, in relieving and curing fifty per cent more of her diseases, than can be cured by the Allopathic treament under ~~their~~ its most skilfull Physicians

Woman however notwithstanding all the ridicule and abuse that has been bestowed upon the Science has remained its unchanged friend, and has done more to extend its area than all other causes combined, excepting its own intrinsic excellence = and there is scarcely to be found a single individual among them resorting to Allopathic treatment after having

experienced the benefits of Homeopathy—
There is another very important lesson
to be learned by the Physician in his
treatment of the many diseases of women
and it can only be taught him by Hom-
eopathy, that is by using the highest
attenuations of medicines to restore vitality
without injuring the patient by too
large doses
Alas! if we could raise the veil that
covers the past would we not find
much of the present physical degeneracy
around us the results of the Mal Practice
of Large Doses